Claims:

The following listing of claims replaces all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the present application.

Listing of the Claims:

1. (currently amended) A method of operating a network between a plurality of communication apparatuses ~~(1, 2, 5 to 8)~~ each having a token ~~(3, 9 to 12, 15)~~ identifying a communication apparatus ~~(1, 2, 5 to 8)~~ via an apparatus address, and at least one communication apparatus used as a token read apparatus ~~(4, 13 and 14)~~, in which the apparatus address of a first communication apparatus [[(1)]], stored in the token ~~(3, 9 to 12, 15)~~ is read by the token read apparatus ~~(4, 13 and 14)~~ when the token is placed in the vicinity of the token read apparatus, and the token read apparatus ~~(4, 13 and 14)~~ builds up a connection with the first communication apparatus [[(1)]] by means of the apparatus address, and/or the apparatus address is transmitted by the token read apparatus ~~(4, 13 and 14)~~ to at least a second communication apparatus [[(2)]], and the second communication apparatus [[(2)]] builds up a connection with the first communication apparatus [[(1)]], and the connection is terminated when the token is removed from the vicinity of the token read apparatus.

2. (original) A method as claimed in claim 1, characterized in that the network is a network operating in accordance with the Bluetooth standard.

3. (currently amended) A method as claimed in claim 2, characterized in that at least the token read apparatus ~~(4, 13 and 14)~~ and the first communication apparatus [[(1)]] are provided for forming a piconetwork.

4. (currently amended) A method as claimed in claim 2, characterized in that the token read apparatus ~~(13 and 14)~~ fulfills the function of a master and further communication apparatuses ~~(1, 2, 5 to 8)~~ fulfill the function of slaves in the network.

5. (currently amended) A method as claimed in claim 1, characterized in that a password stored in the token ~~(3, 9 to 12, 15)~~ is read by the token read apparatus ~~(4, 13 and 14)~~.

6. (currently amended) A method as claimed in claim 1, characterized in that the token read apparatus ~~(4, 13 and 14)~~ is provided for accommodating a given number of tokens ~~(3, 9 to 12, 15)~~.

7. (currently amended) A method as claimed in claim 1, characterized in that the token ~~(3, 9 to 12, 15)~~ comprises information about network resources.

8. (currently amended) A method as claimed in claim 1, characterized in that the token ~~(3, 9 to 12, 15)~~ comprises information about a release of documents.

9. (currently amended) A method as claimed in claim 1, characterized in that a plurality of tokens ~~(9, 15)~~ is assigned to a communication apparatus ~~(1, 2, 5 to 8)~~ and a token identification number ~~(token ID)~~ is assigned to each token ~~(9, 15)~~.

10. (currently amended) A method as claimed in claim 9, characterized in that an assignment of the token identification number and a name ~~(list ID)~~ identifying a list of documents is stored in a communication apparatus ~~(1, 2, 5 to 8)~~ operating as a slave.

11. (currently amended) A method as claimed in claim 10, characterized in that the list of documents consists of a document identification unit ~~(file ID)~~ and a path assigned to the document identification unit.

12. (currently amended) A method as claimed in claim 9, characterized in that a communication apparatus ~~(13 and 14)~~ operating as a master stores an assignment consisting of apparatus addresses and token-IDs.

13. (currently amended) A method as claimed in claim 9, characterized in that the communication apparatus ~~(1, 2, 5 to 8)~~ operating as a slave stores an assignment of token identification numbers and apparatus addresses of the communication apparatuses operating as masters (13 and 14).

14. (currently amended) A communication system comprising a plurality of communication apparatuses ~~(1, 2, 5 to 8)~~ and each with a token ~~(3, 9 to 12, 15)~~ identifying a communication apparatus ~~(1, 2, 5 to 8)~~ via an apparatus address, as well as at least one communication apparatus used as a token read apparatus ~~(4, 13 and 14)~~, wherein:

the token read apparatus ~~(4, 13 and 14)~~ is provided for reading the apparatus address of a first communication apparatus [[(1)]], stored in the token ~~(3, 9 to 12, 15)~~ when the token is placed in the vicinity of the token read apparatus; and

the token read apparatus ~~(4, 13 and 14)~~ is provided for building up a connection with the first communication apparatus [[(1)]] by means of the apparatus address; and/or

the token read apparatus ~~(4, 13 and 14)~~ is provided for transmitting the apparatus address to at least a second communication apparatus [[(2)]], and the second communication apparatus [[(2)]] is provided to build up a connection with the first communication apparatus [[(1)]] , and the connection is terminated when the token is removed from the vicinity of the token read apparatus.